

This is clearly someone using their money and misusing their power of owning a large broadcasting station. Whether you're right or left, Democratic or Republican, we should not be allowing this program to air. We must set a precedence and uphold the laws that have been put into place. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. This steps/stomps all over people's right to hear "both sides". It is an ugly move by a man with an obvious agenda.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.